Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—It is not close by. The bridge is about a furlong to the west of it, or even more, and the level of the bridge is higher than this aqueduct. I do not think that water will go over the bridge.

Mr. P. Krishna Menon.—I don't mean over the bridge but under the bridge.

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The same difficulty will arise. Floods will dash against the aquedut and the dam will be washed off.

Improvements to the Manapat Chira.

102. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) what is the amount spent on the Manapat chira Improvements in Kanayannur Taluk;

(2) what was the storage of the tank in million cubic feet before the work was started;

(3) what is the capacity of the tank now;

(4) what was the area irrigated before the work;

(5) what is the additional area brought under cultivation on account of the work;

(6) what is the additional revenue derived by the Government;

(7) what does it pay on capital cost;

(8) is the supply to the tank increased by tapping stream from any catchment other than its own; if none, what is the source of additional supply?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(1) 18,597-11-6.

(2) About 15 million c. ft.

(3) 26.33 million c. ft.

(4) 327.88 acres.

(5), (6), and (7). The revised ayacut is only under preparation.

(8) No. Sufficient storage can be had from rains.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—How long is it since the chira was put up?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—In 1107—last year.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—The revised ayacut is only under preparation?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes. In the budget we had taken into account the probable extension of the ayacut. But after the chira was completed we are under correspondence with the Revenue Department. I believe the Assistant Engineer and the Tahsildar inspected the place recently and they have between them fixed up the actual extension of the ayacut. Now the actual extension is being prepared.

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